

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

10-0342R

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROPRIETARY CONTRACT TO MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY (MSA) FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF PROTECTIVE VESTS/PLATE CARRIERS, PLATES, AND POUCHES FOR THE DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,085.01.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract defined as proprietary based on the letter (Public Document No. \_\_\_\_\_) on file with the office of the city clerk, with Mine Safety Appliances Company for the purchase and delivery of its patented system of vests/plate carriers and plates and pouches for the Duluth police department for a total amount of \$36,085.01, payable from Duluth police grant programs, Department/Agency 025, Organization 2288, Object 5241.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Police Chief  
Purchasing Agent \_\_\_\_

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the purchase of protective vests/plate carriers and plates and pouches for police uniforms from the Mine Safety Appliances Company for a total of \$36,085.01, payable from the Duluth Police grant programs fund.

Currently, the company holds two key patents:

- (a) Cut-away vest release system (US Patent No. 6,769,137);
- (b) Strap connector system (US Patent No. 5,259,093).

No other company may legally duplicate and manufacture these designs; they are available only through MSA Paraclete Armor and Equipment. Paraclete Armor and Equipment was acquired by Mine Safety Appliances Company in 2006.

The Mine Safety Appliances Company, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has operations located around the world.

Requisition No. 10-0350